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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

Applicants, through their representative, respectfully present the following response in application serial number 09/712,082.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the instant application for patent.

Please cancel Claim 35 without prejudice.

As permitted by 37 CFR §1.121(c), Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 4 and 33 be amended by rewriting the claims be amended by rewriting the claims. The requested amendments are included herewith as an attachment to this response, entitled "Amendments to the CLAIMS."

A listing follows below of all the Claims and the status of each.